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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Personal archives of William Roy MacKenzie
Reference code:	MS-2-296
Date:	1915-1953 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	15 cm of textual records (1 box)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

William Roy Mackenzie (1883-1957) was a Canadian folklorist, literary critic, and author who collected songs and ballads in Nova Scotia in the early twentieth century. He was born in River John, Pictou County, Nova Scotia on February 14, 1883. He studied at Dalhousie University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1902 and a Master of Arts in 1903. He went on to study with George Lyman Kittredge at Harvard University, where he earned a Master of Arts in 1905 and a PhD in English in 1910. In 1918, Mackenzie joined the faculty of the Department of English at Washington University. He wrote two books on Nova Scotia ballads and was considered by many to be one of the greatest authorities on Shakespeare. He died in 1957.

Scope and content

Collection contains a manuscript of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia and related material, including page proofs, research notes, off-print, and correspondence. Material primarily documents Mackenzie's interest in ballads from Nova Scotia.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Related material

Washington University Archives in St. Louis, Missouri holds a collection of Mackenzie's notes from courses that he taught at Washington University. The collection also contains some personal writings and materials that chronicle his interest in military matters from the first and second world wars.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Personal archives (subject)
 - Songbooks (subject)
 - Music & art (subject)
 - Folk songs--Nova Scotia (subject)
 - Sea shanties (subject)
 - Correspondence (subject)
 - Dalhousie University--People (subject)
 - Pictou (N.S. : County) (place)
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Collection holdings

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 1 - Research notes for Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Research notes for Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains research notes for Mackenzie's book, Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia. The notes are alphabetically organized "A-L."

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 2 - Research notes for Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Research notes for Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains research notes for Mackenzie's book, Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia. The notes are alphabetically organized "M-Z."

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 3 - Versions of ballads and sea songs rejected or omitted from Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Versions of ballads and sea songs rejected or omitted from Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains versions of ballads and sea songs rejected or omitted from Mackenzie's book Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 4 - Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia : [typescript of the first half]

Title: Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia : [typescript of the first half]

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an annotated typescript of the first half of Mackenzie's book Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 5 - Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia : [typescript of the second half]

Title: Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia : [typescript of the second half]

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an annotated typescript of the second half of Mackenzie's book Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 6 - Proofs for the title page and front matter of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Proofs for the title page and front matter of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains page proofs of the title page and front matter of Mackenzie's book Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 7 - Proofs for the introduction of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Proofs for the introduction of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains page proofs of introduction of Mackenzie's book Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 8 - Proofs for the indices of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Proofs for the indices of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 8

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains page proofs of the index of titles and index of first lines published in Mackenzie's book Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia. File contains a partial second copy of the page proofs of the index of titles.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 9 - Proofs for the contents, abbreviations, and preface of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Proofs for the contents, abbreviations, and preface of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 9

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains page proofs of table of contents, list of abbreviations, and preface for Mackenzie's book Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 10 - Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia : [list of abbreviations]

Title: Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia : [list of abbreviations]

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 10

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a handwritten list of abbreviations to be published in Mackenzie's book Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 page (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 11 - Corrections for the table of contents of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Corrections for the table of contents of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 11

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains small slips of paper with handwritten corrections for the table of contents of Mackenzie's book, Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 12 - The observed of all observers : a study of Hamlet, part one

Title: The observed of all observers : a study of Hamlet, part one

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 12

Date: [after 1922] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a manuscript of a study of Hamlet that Mackenzie sent to John Livingstone Lowes sometime after 1922.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 13 - The observed of all observers : a study of Hamlet, part four

Title: The observed of all observers : a study of Hamlet, part four

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 13

Date: [after 1922] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a manuscript of a study of Hamlet that Mackenzie sent to John Livingstone Lowes sometime after 1922.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 14 - Ballads and songs

Title: Ballads and songs

Title [otherInfo]: Reprinted from the Journal of American Folklore, Vol. 30, No. 117, July-September, 1917

Title [statRep]: Edited by George Lyman Kittredge

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 14

Date: 1917 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an off-print from the Journal of American Folklore. The off-print is sparsely annotated, likely by Mackenzie.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 15 - Letter from W.L. Grant to William Roy Mackenzie

Title: Letter from W.L. Grant to William Roy Mackenzie

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 15

Date: April 3, 1928 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a letter from W.L. Grant, principal of Upper Canada College, to William Roy Mackenzie. In the letter, Grant notifies Mackenzie that he just completed a review of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia and asks if Mackenzie has come across the shanty "Across the Western Ocean."

Physical description: 1 page (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 16 - Reviews of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Title: Reviews of Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 16

Date: 1928-1929 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains four reviews of Mackenzie's book, *Ballads and Sea Songs from Nova Scotia*. Reviews are written by W.L. Grant, Carl Sandburg, S.B. Hustvedt, and Ethel Sturtevant. The review by Sturtevant is excerpted from an issue of the *Journal of American Folklore*, the other reviews are typed transcriptions.

Physical description: 6 pages (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 17 - Down the river : [manuscript]

Title: Down the river : [manuscript]

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 17

Date: [before 1928] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a manuscript of the ballad "Down the River."

Physical description: 1 page (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 18 - Three ballads from Nova Scotia : [off-print]

Title: Three ballads from Nova Scotia : [off-print]

Title [otherInfo]: Reprinted from *The Journal of American Folklore*, Vol. 23, No. 89, July-September 1910

Title [statRep]: W. Roy Mackenzie

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 18

Date: 1910 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an off-print of an article Mackenzie published in 1910 in *The Journal of American Folklore*. The off-print is inscribed "To Professor MacMechan / with the author's compliments."

Physical description: 12 pages (1 folder)

File: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 19 - Ballad-singing in Nova Scotia : [off-print]

Title: Ballad-singing in Nova Scotia : [off-print]

Title [otherInfo]: Reprinted from *The Journal of American Folklore*, Vol. 22, No. 85, July-September 1909

Title [statRep]: W. Roy Mackenzie

Reference code: MS-2-296, Box 1, Folder 19

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an off-print of an article Mackenzie published in 1909 in The Journal of American Folklore. The off-print is inscribed "To Professor MacMechan / with the author's compliments." File also contains a postage slip with Mackenzie's address, dated August 10, 1915.

Physical description: 7 pages (1 folder)
